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A.—(a) The hon. Member apparently refers to the five members whose names were gazetted on 24th January 1925. Two of these are honorary magistrates, one for Srirangam and the other for Trichinopoly.

(b) In only one case, that of the Muhammadan community, was the community concerned already represented on the Council either by nomination or election.

(c) The President, District Board, Trichinopoly, reports that he knows of no such case.

(d) The President, District Board, Trichinopoly, made the recommendations. In view of the answer to clause (c), the second part of the question does not arise.

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ Arising out of the answer given in (a), may I know how many members out of 5 are nominated members ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ All of them are nominated.”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ Was there any nomination of a Christian candidate to the board ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Among the 5 ? ”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ Yes.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ I should like to have notice of that question.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Is there any Christian member at all in the district board ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Sir, I believe there is a Christian member but I am not sure.”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ There was a vacancy of a lady member. Was not a lady member appointed ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Not yet, Sir.”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ Will the Government consider over this matter ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ If a suitable candidate is available.”

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—“ May I know whether they have received an application from a lady member already ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The Government are not aware of it. If the district board finds that a lady member is available then that question will be considered.”

Public Health.

Water-tap and lanterns for Adi-Dravidas in Thalayattam.

1545 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1038 answered at the meeting of the Council on the 15th December 1925 regarding water-tap and lanterns for Adi-Dravidas in Thalayattam Adi-Dravida cheri, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information ?

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A.—The Chairman, Municipal Council, Gudiyattam, reported on 17th December 1925, that a water-tap and a lantern had been put up in the Adi-Dravida quarter at Thalayattam.

Education.

Managing Committee of the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

* 1546 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee of management of the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, have got adequate funds to meet the necessary demand of printing and publishing the various catalogues that are now in course of preparation;

(b) whether the Government propose to place more funds at the disposal of the Committee; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The question is under investigation in relation to one of such catalogues.

Admission of ineligible lady students into Queen Mary's College.

* 1547 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lady students who were ineligible according to the S.S.L.C. Examination eligibility rules but who were admitted in the Queen Mary's College; and

(b) the reasons why they were so admitted?

A.—(a) The year for which the information is required is not specified.

(b) Under the rules framed by the Syndicate of the Madras University for the admission of holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates to University courses of study, it is within the discretion of the Principals of Colleges for Women to make admissions of women holders of Secondary School-Leaving Certificates whether or not the names of such holders of certificates are included in the published list of certificate holders eligible for admission to University courses of study.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Police.

The report of the Police Committee of 1923.

1548 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the gist of the report of the Police Committee of 1923;

(b) whether the committee has suggested any alterations in the administration of the Police Department and, if so, what they are and how far they have been accepted by the Government; and

(c) whether the Government would be pleased to lay the report on the table of this House?